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Letter dated 25 September 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and of the Nicosia flight information region (FIR) by Turkey's military air force, which were recorded as follows:

On 1 September 1995, a formation of two Turkish Air Force fighter aircraft entered without permission the northern FIR of Nicosia at 1057 hours and violated the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus along the northern coast in a west-east direction, leaving at 1118 hours.

On 18 September 1995, from 1558 to 1608 hours, a formation of two Turkish Air Force fighter aircraft entered without permission or prior notification the northern and north-western FIRs of Nicosia, violating air traffic rules and endangering civil aviation flights in the area.

On 19 September 1995:

(a) From 1218 to 1228 hours, a formation of two Turkish Air Force fighter aircraft entered the northern and north-western FIRs of Nicosia;

(b) From 1600 to 1616 hours, two Turkish Air Force fighter aircraft entered the northern and north-western FIRs of Nicosia.

Both the above intrusions were unauthorized and violated international air-traffic rules in disregard of civil aviation safety.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I wish to protest strongly these new violations of the airspace of the Republic and the unauthorized intrusion into the Nicosia FIR. These aggressive actions of the

Turkish Government violate the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and are contrary to the Charter of the United Nations as well as the resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council on the question of Cyprus.

At the same time, such unauthorized intrusions, which are contrary to the rules of international civil aviation, endanger civil aviation flights in the area.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 55, and of the Security Council.

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of the Republic of Cyprus
to the United Nations